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In re Patent No. : 6,956,176  
Issue Date : October 18, 2005  
Application No. : 10/634,901  
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SELECTIVELY  
LOCKING A STANDARD PLUG TO A STANDARD  
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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.323

Sir:

It is certified that mistakes appear in the above-identified patent which occurred in good faith. The patent is hereby corrected as detailed below:

(1) On the front page of the patent, replace the Abstract with the following Abstract:

--An enclosure is provided which supports a standard receptacle for receiving a standard plug where the plug can be inserted or removed only when there is no power present at the receptacle. The enclosure supports a lever handle which can be positioned to a first position (lever down) which allows the plug to be inserted into or removed from the receptacle and a second position (lever up) which prevents the plug from being inserted into or removed from the receptacle. The enclosure also supports a switch handle which is coupled to a switch within the enclosure, and to the lever handle. The switch handle can position the switch to be "off" to prevent the receptacle from being coupled to a source of power or to be "on" to allow the receptacle to be coupled to a source of power. When the lever handle is in its first position, the switch handle and the switch are locked

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to their "off" positions. When the lever handle is in its second position, the switch handle and the switch are free to be positioned by a user either to their "off" positions or "on" positions. If the lever handle is moved from its second position to its first position while the switch handle and the switch are in their "on" positions, the switch handle and the switch are automatically moved to their "off" positions to prevent the possibility of having power at the receptacle while the plug can be either inserted or removed.--

- (2) Column 1, line 38, after the word "cannot", insert the word --be--.
- (3) Column 4, line 41, delete the word "lower" and insert the word --upper--.
- (4) Column 5, line 1, after the word "plug", insert the word --from--.

These mistakes occurred in good faith, are minor in character and do not constitute new matter. No change is being made which would require reexamination of the patent. Correction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.323 is therefore respectfully requested.

A Certificate of Correction for the above-identified patent has been prepared and is attached hereto. Approval of the Certificate of Correction is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$100.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(a) to Deposit Account No. 50-1561 of Greenberg Traurig, LLP. Any deficiency in or overpayment of fees relating to this Request should likewise be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1561 of Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

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APPLICATION NO.: 10/634,901  
ISSUE DATE : October 18, 2005  
INVENTOR(S) : Cosmo CASTALDO

It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In the abstract, section (57), delete lines 1-20 and insert the following words:

--An enclosure is provided which supports a standard receptacle for receiving a standard plug where the plug can be inserted or removed only when there is no power present at the receptacle. The enclosure supports a lever handle which can be positioned to a first position (lever down) which allows the plug to be inserted into or removed from the receptacle and a second position (lever up) which prevents the plug from being inserted into or removed from the receptacle. The enclosure also supports a switch handle which is coupled to a switch within the enclosure, and to the lever handle. The switch handle can position the switch to be "off" to prevent the receptacle from being coupled to a source of power or to be "on" to allow the receptacle to be coupled to a source of power. When the lever handle is in its first position, the switch handle and the switch are locked to their "off" positions. When the lever handle is in its second position, the switch handle and the switch are free to be positioned by a user either to their "off" positions or "on" positions. If the lever handle is moved from its second position to its first position while the switch handle and the switch are in their "on" positions, the switch handle and the switch are automatically moved to their "off" positions to prevent the possibility of having power at the receptacle while the plug can be either inserted or removed.--;

Column 4, line 41, delete the word "lower" and insert the word --upper--;

Column 1, line 38, after the word "cannot", insert the word --be--; and

Column 5, line 1, after the word "plug", insert the word --from--.

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Art Unit	2832
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**ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)**

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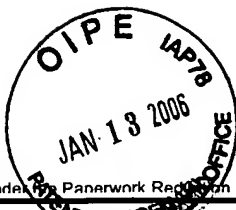
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First Named Inventor	Cosmo CASTALDO
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200	100
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Multiple dependent claims

360	180
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